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Serial No. 09/384,371	Filing Date August 27, 1999	Examiner P. Edouard	Group Art Unit 2644

Applicant: Brendan P. Murray, *et al.*

Invention: **System and Method for Evaluating Character Sets to Determine a Best Match Encoding a Message**

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 21, 2002 (Paper No. 14), please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**In the Claims:**

Please enter amended claims 8, 15, and 22 as follows.

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8. (**Thrice Amended**) A system for evaluating characters in a message against a character table bank, said character table bank including a plurality of bit masks, said character table bank indexed by a particular character, said character table bank producing one of the bit masks that identifies one or more of a plurality of pre-determined candidate character sets capable of expressing said particular character, the system comprising:
- an input interface to accept an input of the message, wherein the message includes a plurality characters in one or more languages; and
  - a processor unit, connected to the input interface, the processor unit evaluating the message by individually comparing each of the characters of the message to the plurality of pre-determined candidate character sets in the character table bank to determine a match between the plurality of pre-determined candidate character sets and the message,